

SPRING CLEANING

The Bathroom

When spring-cleaning the bathroom the bath and washbasin should not be scrubbed or cleaned with a gritty cleaner; this may remove stains, but will injure the surface, whether it be of porcelain or of enamel. The following treatment will clean and polish thoroughly without scratching. Rub the bath with a rag dipped in paraffin, then rub until dry with a clean, dry cloth. Next make a paste with some soft soap, precipitated whiting, and hot water. Rub this on any marks which have not disappeared, then wash it off, and dry the bath. Finally, polish with a few drops of furniture cream, and the bath will look like new.

Chromium-plated taps and fittings should never be polished with metal polish, silver cleaner, or any cleaning powder, as in time the plating comes off, and they need more and more cleaning. They should merely be wiped with a slightly soapy damp cloth, and polished with a dry one. As atmospheric conditions affect chromium plating, it is best to have the taps enamelled white if in spite of all precautions the plating goes dull. Plate-glass fittings should be washed in warm, soapy water and rinsed in clear water to which a little borax or

ammonia has been added. Polish with a linen cloth. Mirrors should be rubbed with a rag damped with glycerine; this not only polishes but prevents them from getting badly steamed. Sponges can be made like new by soaking them in hot water containing a little vinegar and washing soda. Rinse in several clear waters.

At spring-cleaning time, white enamelled paint should be cleaned as follows. If really discoloured, first dissolve a dessertspoonful of bicarbonate of soda in a pint of hot water and wash with this. Then wring out a cloth in warm, soapy water and rub gently until all marks are removed. Then wipe with a slightly damp washleather and finish off with a little furniture cream. This treatment is too drastic for constant use, however, and, as far as possible, white enamelled paint should be kept clean with a damp cloth. Varnished walls should be washed with warm soapy water, containing a little glue. Tiled walls should be cleaned with paraffin or turpentine, and marks should be removed by rubbing them with a slice of lemon dipped in salt. When dry, finish off with a little furniture cream.